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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SEC VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: SANTIAGO 1877 (NOTAL)

1. MARCH 29 STORIES ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SANTIAGO AS
FOLLOWS.

2. AFP FROM PARIS QUOTES FROM ARTICLE BY PROF. JAMES F.
PETRAS OF STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, IN "LE MONDE
DIPLOMATIQUE", STATING SECRETARY WILL EXERT PRESSURE ON
JUNTA TO LIBERALIZE LATTER'S POLICY. ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT
UNDER CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE AND AS RESULT CIA "REVELATIONS",
WASHINGTON NOW WISHES MODIFY ITS FORMER POLICY OF SUPPORT
FOR THE JUNTA, ADOPTING A STANCE OF "CRITICAL SUPPORT."
ARTICLE ALSO OUTLINES COURSE OF ORDERLY TRANSITION, UTILIZING
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, TOWARD A FREER CHILEAN SOCIETY BUT
EXPRESSES DOUBT CHILE'S MILITARY LEADERS WILL REDUCE
PRESSURE, FEARING AN EXPLOSION FROM IMPOVERISHED URBAN
POPULACE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY PARIS WOULD POUCH COPY
OF ARTICLE TO SANTIAGO.

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4. "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" ANGLES LETTER FROM SENATORS URGING

SECRETARY NOT TO VISIT CHILE AS AN ATTEMPT FURTHER TO DISTORT THE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF THE JUNTA, TO SUBJECT CHILE TO AN "INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT", AND TO WEAKEN THE SECRETARY'S POSITION.

5. "LA TERCERA" CARRIES DELAYED STORY ON SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENT HE WOULD "DEFINITELY" VISIT LATIN AMERICA, STATING SECRETARY ANNOUNCED HE WOULD VISIT CHILE AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN APRIL.

6. ANOTHER "EL MERCURIO" EDITORIAL ENTITLED "KISSINGER AND REGIONAL DISCONTENT" COMMENTS ON USG FOREIGN POLICY DIFFICULTIES WORLDWIDE AND IN LATIN AMERICA AND CONCLUDES THAT SECRETARY IS COMING TO A REGION WHICH FEELS ITSELF INCREASINGLY DISTANT FROM ITS POWERFUL NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND. POPPER

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